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NETWORK MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM

and for which a patent application:

- ☐ is attached hereto (and includes amendment(s) filed on _____ (if applicable))
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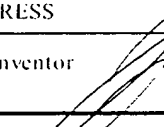
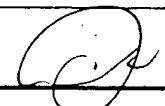
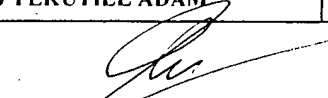
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